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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Examiner's action dated March 9, 1999, please amend the application, as follows:

In the claims:

In claim 1, line 5, insert "topically" between  
--applying-- and --to--.

Amend claims 8 and 14 to read as follows:

I 1 --8. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said  
suppressor is a compound that is an inhibitor of mast cell  
degranulation.--

I 2 --14. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said  
suppressor is a compound that is an inhibitor of prostaglandin  
synthetase.--

In claim 30, line 5, insert "topically" between  
--applying-- and --to--.

In claim 33, line 5, insert "topically" between  
--applying-- and --to--.

In claim 36, line 5, insert "topically" between  
--applying-- and --to--.

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